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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. A batently disparate tax burden is being shifted to those whom the fund was meant to serve, not punish!

I use my wireless phone for long range travel safety and security. I don't want to lose this potentially life-saving benefit so that big businesses can pay less. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF burden proportional to it's use not merely it's access!

Sincerely,

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